

Questionnaire for the evaluation of the standpoints of psychiatrists and psychologists concerning psycho- diagnostic tests

Dear participant,

As part of the ongoing work in mental health, the question of diagnosis of the mental disorder from which the patients suffer, often comes up. The psychiatric tools used for diagnosis are interviews and clinical examinations of the patient, in addition to the use of mostly structured questionnaires. Psychological tools include interviews and psychological examinations of the patient, but psycho-diagnostic tests ("tests") are also often used.

Psycho-diagnostics tests are performed by psychologists. The request for the diagnosis of a patient comes from psychologists, psychiatrists and even the legal system. The diagnosis itself can be performed in a hospital setting or on an outpatient one.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to evaluate the attitudes of various professionals regarding the reliability and validity of psycho-diagnostic tests.

The questionnaire is anonymous, however the participants are asked to provide background information about their training, experience and the main professional framework in which they work. These details are intended to help examine the differences between the various professionals in the field of mental health.

Demographic data

Date:

Sex: Male\female\other

Age:

Occupation: Senior\Junior Psychiatrist, Senior\Junior Psychologist

Years of seniority in the field:

Country where degree was obtained: Israel\other

Primary workplace: General hospital\ Psychiatric hospital\Outpatient clinic\Private clinic

Primary population treated: Mental health\Education\Wellfare\Rehabilitation\Geriatrics\Other

Do you identify with a particular psychotherapeutic approach? No\Yes, psychodynamic\Yes, cognitive behavioral (CBT)\ Yes, other

Here are some statements evaluating attitudes regarding psycho-diagnostic tests. For each statement, please mark to what extent you agree with it. There may be statements that are not directly relevant to your professional position, answer according to your perception on the subject.

	1 Disagree very much	2 Disagree	3 Tend not to agree	4 Tend to agree	5 agree	6 Agree very much
Psycho-diagnostic tests are accurate as a diagnostic tool						
Psycho-diagnostic tests are valid (ie the diagnosis will remain the same over time)						
Psycho-diagnostic tests are reliable (ie, the same diagnosis will be given in repeated tests)						
Psycho-diagnostic tests can detect impersonation						
results of psycho-diagnostic tests influence decisions regarding drug treatment						
results of the psycho-diagnostic tests influence the decision whether psychological treatment is needed						

results of the psycho-diagnostic tests influence the choice of type of psychological treatment, if possible						
There is a relation between the psychiatric diagnosis and the results of the psycho-diagnostic tests						

	1 Disagree very much	2 Disagree	3 Tend not to agree	4 Tend to agree	5 agree	6 Agree very much
psychiatric diagnosis is accurate in diagnosing psychotic disorders						
Psycho-diagnostic tests are accurate in diagnosing psychotic disorders						
psychiatric diagnosis is accurate in diagnosing affective disorders						
Psycho-diagnostic tests are accurate in diagnosing affective disorders						
psychiatric diagnosis is accurate in diagnosing anxiety disorders						

Psycho-diagnostic tests are accurate in diagnosing anxiety disorders						
psychiatric diagnosis is accurate in diagnosing personality disorders						
Psycho-diagnostic tests are accurate in diagnosing personality disorders						

	1 Disagree very much	2 Disagree	3 Tend not to agree	4 Tend to agree	5 agree	6 Agree very much
I often use the results of psycho-diagnostic tests for diagnosis						
I often perform psycho-diagnostic tests						
I often refer patients for psycho-diagnostic diagnosis from the public sector (if you work in the public service)						
I often refer patients for psycho-diagnostic diagnosis from the private sector (if you						

work in the private sectoer)						
I often read recent literature in the field of psycho-diagnostics						

	1 Disagree very much	2 Disagree	3 Tend not to agree	4 Tend to agree	5 agree	6 Agree very much
I feel proficiently knowledgeable in the field of psycho- diagnostic diagnosis (familiarity with the names of tests, their purpose and their grading system)						
I feel significant when I diagnose using psycho- diagnostic tests.						
I feel confident in my ability to diagnose, without the use of psycho-diagnostic tests.						
I feel powerless when the clinical decision does not take into account the results of psycho- diagnostic tests.						

I am angry when psycho-diagnostic tests are spoken ill of.						
I feel satisfied when great importance is attached to the results of psycho-diagnostic tests.						
I feel frustrated when great importance is given to the clinical interview, over that of psycho-diagnostic tests.						
I feel that I can rely on the results of psycho-diagnostic tests, in determining a diagnosis.						